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63. (New) An optical apparatus according to claim 58 or 59,

wherein the first, second, and third surfaces of said ocular optical system are each formed from a rotationally asymmetric curved surface that corrects aberration due to decentration.--

## REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully solicited.

Claims 11 through 63 are pending, with Claims 11, 17, 23, 48, and 58 being independent. Claims 58 through 63 have been added.

## STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c)

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c), the Examiner is respectfully advised that newly added Claims 58 through 63 have been copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 3 and 9 through 11, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,267 B1 ("Takahashi '267") to Koichi Takahashi.

## CONCLUSION

In keeping with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants are deferring filing a Supplement to Request for Interference at this time, and respectfully request that at such time deemed appropriate by the Examiner, the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss the inclusion of <u>Takahashi</u> '267 and the newly-added claims in the interference.